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| Hans-Dieter OBERLE et al. | |) |
| Serial No. To be Assigned | |) |
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| For | Method And Apparatus For Detecting Period Length Fluctuations Of Periodic Signals |) |

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Figures begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.